

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this particular amendment is being passed out to you and the structure of this amendment is actually very similar to the structure of the Lindsay amendment and all of the structures that we're talking about here are similar because they all came from my bill except there were certain important parts of my bill that were deleted. So what this is before you now is actually the bill I had before the Judiciary Committee and the only change from what we've been talking about is that the Supreme Court is put in the place of the Judicial Resources Commission and the reason that I proposed it in this manner obviously goes back to my understanding the the Judicial Resources Commission doesn't work because of its structure in the nature of a mechanism. But I do have more confidence that the Supreme Court would be more objective with the system and that the Supreme Court would have a little more distance from the bar than a nominating commission that is more dominated by the bar and I do have more confidence that the Supreme Court has the analysis in front of it and has a concern about the efficient use of judicial resources and I have some hope with the new leadership in the Supreme Court that the administrative aspect of the Supreme Court will be taken very seriously and will be worked upon. I think that it will and I think if you empower them to take a look at these situations that that's probably going to be considerably more effective than what we know to be ineffective and that's allowing the Judicial Resources Commission to operate. So structurally it's the same as the prior Lindsay amendment. It doesn't require review of those districts that have heavy work loads, only those districts that tend to be underworked according to the caseload statistics and the Supreme Court decision will stand of course except in those situations where they need to come to the Legislature for changes in which case it will be forwarded to the Legislature for consideration. But basically that's the one and only conceptual change from the Lindsay amendment is that the Supreme Court who hopefully will be more objective will make the determination about where the resources should be used. And I would think that as much confidence as we've expressed in the Supreme Court in terms of what we were apparently willing to do with judicial salaries and all that you would have confidence that they would make a good decision in terms of judicial resources and that they ought to be trusted as the